

Minutes: Policy Subcommittee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 18, 2000, 1:00 p.m.
Salt River Project - 1600 North Priest Dr., Tempe, Arizona 85281**

Topic	Lead	Outcome	Att.
1 Welcome, Intro, Sign-In	Evelyn Dryer	Chairperson Evelyn Dryer, TEP, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 P.M. Members and ACC Staff introduced themselves and signed the attendance sheet.	1
2 Review Minutes of April 11, 2000 Meeting	Evelyn Dryer	Minutes for the April 11, 2000 meeting were accepted.	
3 Meeting with the ACC Staff	Evelyn Dryer	Ms. Dryer described the draft report materials that were made available to those in attendance (Attachments 2 - 12) and explained the progress that had been made by the subcommittees to date. Ms. Dryer encouraged ACC Staff to provide comments and questions over the course of the meeting.	2 thru 12
4 Review Draft Reports: Policy Subcommittee	Evelyn Dryer	<p>- Ms. Dryer presented the draft of the Policy Subcommittee report and commented on the drafts of waivers and letters requesting changes on ACC operating procedures that involve UMI and time standards. Ms. Dryer stated that she expected to finalize the waivers by April 25, and asked for input and suggestions regarding any changes that need to be made.</p> <p>Deb Scott, Director, ACC Utilities Division, stated that the first draft of the report sent via e-mail looked good. Ms. Scott also commented on the justification sections in the PSWG reports to the ACC and suggested that those areas be "beefed up" if an ACC rule change or waiver is needed. She also commented on the issue of VT operating procedures and stated that a file on previous work (circa. 10/99) pertaining to VT's would be made available to the PSWG. Ms. Scott noted that Staff will provide the most current version of the aforementioned file to the PSWG Policy Subcommittee so it can consider its content as the PSWG finalizes its report. Staff wants PSWG input on VT operating procedures.</p> <p>Ms Scott informed members that the ACC intends to complete a rule "tweaking" package in July, 2000 and that distributed generation would not be addressed until after the first of the year.</p> <p>In response to SRP's Rene Castillo's inquiry about the rule tweaking process, Ms. Scott emphasized that there would be no substantive changes to the existing rules. Ms. Scott briefly described the Commission's ex-parte rules and explained the difference between the rule changing procedures and a contested rate case proceeding.</p> <p>On the subject of ACC proposed rule changes, Ray Williamson, Chief of Economics & Research, ACC Utilities Division, asked PSWG members to please suggest specifics.</p> <p>Ms. Scott noted that ACC rule changes are running in parallel with the PSWG's work. Staff will put an appendix in its PSWG report suggesting rules and rule changes and suggesting that the PSWG continue. Ms. Scott went on to say that in the final PSWG report it is important to identify the remaining priority issues and suggest a game plan.</p>	

Metering Systems & Metering Reading Subcommittee	Stacy Aguayo	<p>- Stacy Aguayo, APS, presented the draft report on the Metering Subcommittee's work. Ms. Aguayo pointed out those sections of the report in which a consensus existed among market participants (i.e. APS, TEP, SRP TRICO, APSES etc.). She also discussed some of the on going issues that still have to be addressed in order to achieve a consensus and noted that some of these issues may not be finalized when the final report is submitted.</p> <p>Ms. Scott was impressed with the Metering Subcommittee's work product and suggested that PSWG subcommittee members may want to prepare a presentation on various parts of their respective reports for the open meeting with the ACC Commissioners. Ms. Scott stated that it is okay if there is no consensus on issues and assured PSWG members that the ACC Staff understands that this is a work in progress.</p>	
Consolidated Billing Subcommittee	Janie Mollon	<p>- Janie Mollon, New West Energy, reported on the background of the Consolidated Billing Subcommittee's work to date and presented the subcommittee's draft report.</p> <p>Ms. Mollon praised the cooperative effort between the ACC Staff and the market participants. Drawing from her experiences in the deregulated California market, Ms. Mollon said she believed that the approach to deregulation here in Arizona centered more on consensus building and getting the job done.</p> <p>In response to Mr. Williamson's question regarding billing errors in markets that are presently deregulated, Ms. Mollon described the cancel/rebill problems that have occurred in the California market and stated that the Consolidated Billing Subcommittee was trying to prevent the same situation from happening in Arizona. During a discussion that followed it was noted that the costs for rebilling a customer can range from \$40 to \$140.</p> <p>Ms. Scott suggested that the Consolidated Billing Subcommittee's report address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complex issues associated with billing • The "public interest" issues associated with billing • The market agreement on "SHARE and HERO programs 	
5 Outline major Issues	Evelyn Dryer	<p>- Members and ACC Staff discussed the statutory requirements for the rulemaking process and how substantive changes can cause the entire process to start over again. Members and ACC Staff also discussed the MSR contracting issue. Ms. Scott suggested that a Staff Report may be needed in regard to this particular issue. Ms. Scott also stated that the ACC Staff Electric Policy Committee is willing to work with the PSWG on their issue concerns.</p> <p>- Homework assignments for the April 25 meeting are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marv Buck will do research on what other markets are doing about contracting directly with customers (Issue #78, MSP's). 2. Evelyn Dryer will complete the final draft on waivers. 	
6 Items for Next Agenda	Evelyn Dryer	Please see Attachment 13 to these minutes for details.	13
7 Meeting Evaluation	Laurie Goggin (facilitator)	Laurie Goggin, facilitator, City of Mesa, solicited comments on what each of the individuals in attendance have either learned or have been impressed with since the PSWG was formed (Attachment 14).	14
8 Adjourn	Evelyn Dryer	<p>Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:05 PM. REMINDER: NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 25, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at SRP.</p>	13

ARIZONA PROCESS STANDARDIZATION WORKING GROUP
Policy Subcommittee
April 18, 2000 Attendance List

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Attachment 13 - Policy Subcommittee

Agenda: Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2000, 1:00 -5:00 p.m.
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	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Anticipated Outcome</i>	<i>Att.</i>
1	Welcome, Introductions, Sign-In	Evelyn R. Dryer	Provide opening remarks, take attendance and allow participants to introduce themselves.	
2	Review Minutes of April 18, 2000 Meeting	Evelyn R. Dryer	Review and approve minutes from the previous meeting.	
3	Major Issues	Evelyn R. Dryer	Discussion and possible resolution on: Issue #46, GMT/CST Issue #78, Subcontracting	
4	Review/Reprioritize Policy Issues	Evelyn R. Dryer	During the discussion members should keep the following in mind: Issues that require a rule change should be made Priority 1 (also keep in mind cost and imminent market need).	
5	Identify New Issues for Rule Changes	Evelyn R. Dryer	Identify issues that may require changes to the ACC Rules. Note: The rule package that the ACC Staff is presenting to the ACC Commissioners will contain changes to current rules that do not work based on experience.	
6	Review Draft Waivers & Letters	Evelyn R. Dryer	Finalize documents.	
7	Discussion of Issue #28	Evelyn R. Dryer	Discuss waiver on billing components.	
8	Items for Next Agenda	Evelyn R. Dryer	Schedule items for the next meeting.	
9	Meeting Evaluation	Laurie Goggin (facilitator)	Obtain input from members on how they believed the meeting went.	
10	Adjourn	Evelyn R. Dryer	Adjourn the meeting.	

Attachment 14 - Policy Subcommittee

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING COMMENTS

The following comments were made by individuals who attended the PSWG Policy Subcommittee meeting on April 18, 2000. The attendees were asked what they have either learned, or have been impressed with, since the PSWG was formed.

Having fun

Can Work with UDC's

Learning about the ACC process

Find consensus will attract more market participants

Compromise

The process works when people speak up to reveal interests

The variation of interests expressed

Work on things that can be agreed upon

The exchange of methods and ideas

Gives ACC Staff hope that industry input can work

Lots of detail

Productivity level

Being flexible and realistic

Respect and professionalism shown

Minutes and information out in a timely manner

Volume of work

Diversity of opinion

New meter forms – YES!

Networking works!

Developed respect for how the rules are made